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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

GWICH'IN STEERING COMMITTEE, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEBRA HAALAND, in her official capacity as Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, *et al.*,

Defendants,

and

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH, *et al.*,

Intervenor-Defendants.

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**DEFENDANTS' STATUS REPORT ON ISSUANCE OF
FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

This case is stayed, and in accordance with the Court's order providing that further status reports shall reflect "timeframes of key milestones in the process of conducting a new environmental review and issuing a new record of decision addressing the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program at issue in this litigation," Defendants hereby provide this update on the status of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ("Final SEIS"). Order dated Sept. 13, 2021, at 1, ECF No. 86; *see also* Text Order, ECF No. 107.

Defendants advise that the Final SEIS for the Program was issued on November 6, 2024, when it was posted to the Bureau of Land Management's National NEPA Register. *See* <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2015144/510>. Defendants further advise that a Notice of Availability for the Final SEIS is expected to publish in the Federal Register on November 8, 2024, initiating a 30-day period, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 1506.10(b)(2), before a Record of Decision may issue. As Defendants have previously advised, a Record of Decision will subsequently issue in accordance with these timelines and with sufficient time for compliance with deadlines in Section 20001 of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Defendants will file an additional status report upon the issuance of the Record of Decision, and will otherwise provide notice to counsel as indicated by the parties' prior status reports.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 6, 2024, a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic means on all counsel of record by the Court's CM/ECF system.

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